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Ben LEVINSON et al.

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For: WATER-SOLUBLE MESOPORPHYRIN  
COMPOUNDS AND METHODS OF  
PREPARATION

Examiner: G. Krishnan

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated January 11, 2007 (Paper No. 20061229), for which a response was due on April 11, 2007. A petition for a two-month extension of time accompanies this response, moving the deadline to June 11, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.